Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Soundings

Northwest Washington

Stillaguamish Cluster Supports Lutheran Vespers

The Stillaguamish Cluster recently announced that it will support a Lutheran Vespers Sunday. "The Cluster congregations felt it was important to support this ministry as a Cluster and as an individual congregation," said Pastor Lowell Stordahl, Camano, and Cluster Dean.

The Stillaguamish Cluster is made up of the following congregations: Camano, Camano; Our Saviour's, Stanwood; Our Saviour's, Arlington; Peace, Silvana; Faith, Lakewood; and Freeborn, Stanwood.

At the same time, Camano Lutheran also made an individual congregation donation. "Our congregation held a 'German Lunch' and my wife showed a video from our trip to Germany," said Pastor Stordahl. "Along with matching dollars from Aid Association For Lutherans, Branch #9848, we are able to support a Lutheran Vespers Sunday."

You can listen to Walt Wangerin on Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. on KIRO 710 AM.

Last fall, the congregation of Bethlehem in Seattle wanted to encourage others to support Lutheran Vespers. They said that they would match a Lutheran Vespers Sunday if a congreation/cluster promised to support at least two shows. Bethlehem is coming through on their promise. The Stillaguamish Cluster and Camano are receiving a third Sunday for free. Thank you Bethlehem!

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Thanks For A Churchly Assembly

By Bishop Don Maier

I received a note from someone who visited our Synod Assembly after attending several others. He observed that discourse on attested issues happened better and more productively at our assembly than at any of the others he visited. Thanks to all of you whose measured participation in discussion and debate made that comment possible.

From where I stood at the Assembly it was clear early on that the one matter people were anxious to talk about was *Called to Common Mission*. Other resolutions received only scant attention and discussion. The resolutions to advise the Churchwide Assembly one way or the other regarding *Called to Common Mission* put us on the edge of our seats; and, as it turned out, brought us to a surprising but highly appropriate decision. Reflecting upon the decision to "indefinitely postpone", it seems to me that the decision was just right.

As it has been since 1997, further action on the proposal for Full Communion between the ELCA and the Episcopal Church in the USA is in the hands of those chosen by the synods to be members of the 1999 Churchwide Assembly. A decision by a synodical assembly has little if any bearing on the final outcome. More important for us is that we begin the process of healing by stepping back from win/lose confrontations.

It is time to step back from the rhetoric on this issue. Churchwide voters are receiving stacks and layers of material from anxious souls. It seems that there is nothing new to be said; anything more is simply overload and bound to antagonize. So, I suggest that they be left at peace to read what they have, to pray, to listen for the Spirit, to pray, to listen to other voters, to speak as they will, to listen some more, to pray some more and then to vote. That's the process from here on in.

Which way will it go in Denver? I will not try to guess. But I will live and lead in accord with the outcome, I pledge you that. I hope each of you is willing to make the same pledge to the people you serve and try to influence.

Anderson to Participate at October Convocation

The Rev. Dr. H. George Anderson, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, will attend a two-day Northwest Washington Synod Bishop's Convocation on Wednesday, October 20, and Thursday, October 21.

There will also be two special lay person convocations at 7 p.m. on the 20th and 21st.

Oct. 20--First, Mount Vernon
Oct. 21--Cross of Christ, Bellevue

At this time, details are being worked out. More information will be available in the near future. Be sure to notify your congregations of these opportunities to hear our presiding bishop.

Assembly Score Card

Resolutions

		Pass	Fail	Other
SA.99.01	Mutual Partnership of PLU and the Church (amended)	✔		
SA.99.02	Economic Life (revised)	✔		
SA.99.03	Recognizing Internship Costs to Site Congregations	✔		
SA.99.04	Lutheran High School Association of Washington	✔		
SA.99.05	A Resolution to Reauthorize the Task Force to Study Ministry with Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Persons	✔		
SA.99.06	Lambeth			referred
SA.99.07	Vision and Expectations			referred
SA.99.08	Mahtomedi		postponed indefinitely	
SA.99.09	Called to Common Mission		postponed indefinitely	
SA.99.10	Affirmation of Called to Common Mission		postponed indefinitely	
SA.99.11	Full Communion with the Moravian Church	✔		
SA.99.12	Affirm and Implement Mission 2000	✔		
SA.99.13	Support Companion Synod	✔		
SA.99.14	Thanksgiving for Assembly Participants	✔		

Note: You can also find more details from the 1999 Synod Assembly can be found on the Northwest Washington Synod website: www.lutheransnw.org.

Votes cast on Called to Common Mission & Mahtomedi Resolutions

at 1999 Synod Assembly at Grace, Des Moines

Pastors, AIMs, and church leaders--all voting members of the 1999 Synod Assembly--discussed the *Called to Common Mission* (CCM) and Mahtomedi Resolutions in Plenary Session 3 on Saturday morning, and voted on those resolutions in Plenary Session 4 in the afternoon.

The Assembly passed a motion of the Reference and Counsel Committee that both Resolutions SA.99.08, Mahtomedi, and SA.99.10, Affirmation of *Called to Common Mission*, be referred to the Committee of the Whole for a 45-minute discussion period. This allowed both resolutions to be considered on the floor at the same time. Kim Unti, Synod Vice President, presided. The Rev. Christopher Berry, campus pastor, Western Washington University, continued as Parliamentarian.

Following a lively discussion on Saturday morning, a motion was made and seconded to consider SA.99.08 first and SA.99.10 second in the afternoon Plenary session. The vote was 208 "for" and 181 "against", with three abstaining.

In the afternoon session, a motion was presented to table indefinitely Resolutions SA.99.08, SA.99.09, and SA.99.10, all dealing with the CCM proposal. Those speaking in support of the motion saw this as a means to begin the healing process in the Synod by refusing to be polarized into a win/lose situation and to recognize the fact that the vote of this Assembly was not germane to the passage or defeat of the CCM proposal. That decision rests in the hands of the voting members at the Churchwide Assembly this summer.

Those speaking against the motion said that it was important to let our Churchwide voting members know where this Synod stands on the CCM issue and that it was too late to avoid polarization because that had already happened.

In a close vote requiring a division of the house, the motion to table indefinitely passed by a margin of 174 "for" and 154 "against."

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A special thank you to everyone at Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines. Your hospitality during the two-day Assembly was incredibile. I, and everyone who attended the Assembly--voting members, clergy, and visitors--appreciated the time and effort you put in to make this year's Assembly a success. Thank you! *Bishop Don Maier*

Thanks!

By Ernie Fosse, 1999 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Chair

Thank you to everyone—voting members, clergy, visitors, volunteers, and Synod Staff—who helped to make this 1999 Synod Assembly a success. Focusing on hunger, this year's theme "Making Christ Known: A Window of Hope" helped us celebrate the 25 years that the Hunger Appeal has helped those in need. From the opening speaker Lita Brusick Johnson, director of the ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeals, to the keynote speaker Dr. Patricia Larsen, associate director of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, we were reminded how much work we still have to do.

This year's Assembly Task Force asked attendees to complete a questionnaire regarding preferences for future assemblies. These results were tallied and will be used as part of the planning process for the Assembly in 2002.

150 completed questionnaires were received. (Totals below do not add up to 150 since some respondents chose not to answer.)

Assembly Format

9—3-day Assembly preferred
119—2-day Assembly preferred, Fri/Sat
12—2-day Assembly preferred Sat/Sun
3—multi-day Assembly preferred

Assembly Site, Best Site

86—congregation
30—university
37—hotel best
1—other

Immanuel Chosen

Immanuel, Everson, has been chosen to be one of 28 Lutheran Churches throughout the US to be involved in a research project by the ELCA. All 28 rural churches are congregations that have shown growth and vitality.

Immanuel congregation members will be able to tell their story to other participant churches as well as to the ELCA at large. Seven congregational members from Immanuel will meet twice to fill out forms and answer thought-provoking questions. Then Pastor Stan Jacobson and two others will attend a September meeting in Chicago of all 28 congregations.

Prince of Peace Receives Award

Prince of Peace, SeaTac, was recently awarded a $1,000 grant from the Women of the ELCA. The congregation received the award for their program MAPP (Mid-week at Prince of Peace.)

Since 1990 the Women of the ELCA have granted nearly two million dollars to organizations and programs that support the needs and development of women.

LB Drawing Winner

William E. Starkey of Sultan won the portable sound system in the drawing held by the Great Northwest Agency of Lutheran Brotherhood during the Synod Assembly at Grace, Des Moines. Bill is a member of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Startup. LB representative Tom Brandt delivered the sound system to Bill's house.

Global Education Advocates

Two women from our Synod have been chosen to participate in a joint undertaking by the ELCA Division for Global Mission and Women of the ELCA to train women as global education advocates, specifically on issues of importance to women in their companion synod congregation.

Congratulations to **Kay Solvik** from Marysville and **Pastor Jennifer Lewison** from Mount Vernon. Solvik's home church is Ebenezer at Lake Stevens and Pastor Lewison's home church is First Evangelical in Mount Vernon.

These two women, along with 26 other women from around the US and three staff, will visit Slovakia and Russia from October 27 to November 13. Throughout the seminar the group of women will be accompanied by women from our Eastern Europe companion synod countries.

These two women have made a commitment to undertake the long-term task of promoting global justice, development, and education issues related to our companion country.

CanYou Help?

The cost of this 18-day seminar is $3,000 per person, all-inclusive. Each participant has been asked to cover $2,000 of the cost. If you or your congregation would like to help Kay Solvick and Jennifer Lewison, please contact Evelyn Castellano, ELCA Division for Global Mission, at 1-800-638-3522, ext. 2646.

Wells Elected Bishop

The Rev. Martin D. Wells, 50, was elected bishop of the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod (EWA/ID) on June 5. He received 234 votes to 102 for the Rev. Mark J. Nelson, 45, on the fourth ballot during the synod's assembly in Spokane.

Wells will succeed the Rev. Robert M. Keller, 65, on Oct. 1. Keller, who has served as the synod's bishop since the formation of the ELCA in 1988, plans to retire.

Nelson has served as Keller's assistant since 1991. The Rev. Neal G. Buckaloo, deployed staff for the ELCA Division for Ministry and Department for Synodical Relations, Veradale, Wash., and the Rev. Kathryn B. LePard, Emanuel, Ritzville, were also considered on the assembly's third ballot for bishop. There were nine names on the nominating ballot.

Born in Greeley, Colo., Wells graduated from the University of Denver. He earned a law degree from the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma.

After studies at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., Wells and his wife, the Rev. Susan R. Briehl, were ordained in 1981. The couple served as pastors of Our Saviour's, Bellingham, campus pastors at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, and directors of Holden Village, Lake Chelan. They are the parents of two daughters.

The EWA/ID Synod includes about 41,500 Lutherans in 111 congregations across Idaho and 20 counties in eastern Washington. The synod office is in Spokane.

ELCA Department for Schools Endorses

"The National Day of Concern about Young People and Gun Violence."

Dear Friends and Partners,

The ELCA Department for Schools has joined more than 20 other national organizations in supporting the National Day (Oct. 21, 1999) and events/activities leading up to the day on which students will sign a pledge stating:

- I will never bring a gun to school.
- I will never use a gun to settle a dispute.
- I will use my influence with my friends to keep them from using guns to settle disputes.
- My individual choices and actions, when multiplied by those of young people throughout the country will make a difference. Together, by honoring this pledge, we can reverse the violence and grow up in safety.

I am hopeful you will support us in this endorsement by bringing the information to the attention of those you reach through your communications.

This endorsement also supports the intentions of the ELCA Help the Children Initiative and the Resolution for Decade of Nonviolence (recently resolved by Churchwide unit boards and the ELCA Church Council). Information about the National Day of Concern may be found at www.pledge.org. Or contact Angela Ross at AngelaR@elca.org or 1-773/380-2857.

Dr. John J. Scibilia

Lutheran Vespers Grows in 1999

Seventeen radio stations added Lutheran Vespers to their programming since January 1999, said Brenda J. Engelby.

Lutheran Vespers is now heard on 220 stations in the United States, Denmark, Australia, Guam and Swaziland. Air time for Lutheran Vespers is typically sponsored by synods, local congregations or individual gifts. A top priority this year is to place the program on more stations in the western United States, Engelby said.

The Rev. Walter M. Wangerin Jr., has been speaker for the half-hour weekly program since 1994. He is an ELCA pastor and professor at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana. Wangerin has published several books and is a regular columnist for "The Lutheran." In his radio ministry, Wangerin mixes stories with Bible texts to reach 2.5 million to 5 million listeners each week.

"The purpose of the program is to nurture Christians and to be a positive influence on seekers," said Engelby. "His stories, reflections, meditations and life experiences find God in common things and proclaim Christ in our lives." Wangerin speaks in a nonthreatening way that invites people to listen, she said.

Lutheran Vespers was founded in 1947 and has been on the air for 52 consecutive years. A complete list of radio stations broadcasting Lutheran Vespers can be found on the World Wide Web at www.elca.org/lv.

The Lutheran Wins Awards

The Lutheran magazine recently received 11 awards--including three Awards of Excellence--at the Associated Church Press' convention (ACP).

The ACP includes 175 religious publications in the US and Canada and annually presents awards in 39 categories. The three top awards were awarded to:

- Edgar R. Trexler, an opinion piece called "Breathing the faith deeply", May 1998
- David L. Miller and Sally D. Ketchum, most personally useful article, Feb. 1998
- Mark A. Staples, Lois A. Rumfelt, and David L. Miller as a tie for the best seasonal piece, April 1998

The Lutheran also received four Awards of Merit for mission statement, magazine news story, photography with article or cutline, and home page design as well as honorable mentions for magazine graphics--entire issue, magazine cover, professional resource and biblical interpretation.

Paul, The Man and His Writings

A study of Paul's letters with the perspective of the past 50 years of post-holocaust reflection and re-assessment, correcting the anti-nomain, anti-Jewish images of this great servant of God.

Retired Associate in Ministry Buzz Kahn will lead the two-session study at Cross of Christ, Bellevue.

Friday, Aug. 13--7 to 9 p.m.
Saturday, Aug.14--9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
(includes a Mid-Eastern lunch)

Call Cross of Christ at 425-7746-7300 to register.

U.S. House Chaplain Retire

The Rev. James D. Ford, 67, ELCA, retired after more than 20 years as chaplain of the US House of Representatives.

A graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn., and Augustana Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Ill. Ford was ordained in 1958 in the former Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church. He served as pastor of Bethany Elim Lutheran Church, Ivanhoe, Minn.

Ford was named assistant chaplain, Cade Chapel, United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in 1961 and senior chaplain in 1965. He became chaplain of the US House in January 1979.

Social Security?

Social Security not only provides retirement benefits, but also provides disability and survivors' benefits. Did you know that over one million children are lifted out of poverty because of Social Security?

Will Social Security be available to young adults or even baby boomers when they need it? Is establishing a system of individual accounts the answer?

The Lutheran Office for Governmental Affairs has created a document called *Deciphering The Social Security Debate--April 1999.*

You can obtain a copy of this document by calling the Lutheran Governmental Affairs office at 1-202-626-7942 or by going to LOGA's web site at: www.loga.org.

"To What Is God Calling You?"

Region I Discernment Retreat

Thoughts of full-time ministry in the church do not go away? "To What is God Calling You?--A Retreat to More Clearly Hear God's Call" may be for someone you know.

The retreat, sponsored by the Discernment Team of Region 1, is led by a team of people committed to walking with attendees in intentional discernment as they consider the possibility of preparing for a church vocation. Discernment involves prayer, personal reflection, conversation with others, counsel from God, friends, and the community faith.

Pastors, AIMs, campus ministries, Lutheran church camps, and lay leaders in the congregations of the synods are important links in connecting with people wrestling with church vocation and call. If you know someone who might be interested in this retreat, please call Pastor Neal Buckaloo at 509-927-4232 or Erma Lee at 206-624-0093.

Worship 2000

Mark your calendars now for the *National Summer Conference on Worship* from Monday, July 10, to Thursday, July 13, 2000, in Chicago. This conference is sponsored by the ELCA, Deepen Our Worship Life Initiative, and is in partnership with Augsburg Fortress.

Apocalypse, Y2K, Rapture, Millennium, Plagues...

What are we to do with the book of Revelation? Or, what is the book of Revelation to do with us? Is Revelation a dangerous book or an overlooked gem?

These are just some of the questions that will be discussed in a six-week course called *Christ and the New Millennium: A Lutheran View of the Apocalypse*. Students will interact with presentations by Craig Koester of Luther Seminary and Robert Smith of PLTS. The course is based around audio presentations with which students can listen to on their computers. Students will then join one another on-line for discussion.

Christ and the New Millennium is one of the first courses prepared especially for life-long learning and continuing education credit distributed by Fisher's Net, a distance learning enterprise of the ELCA. In the past two years, 180 students have used the Fisher's Net to study fully accredited master's-level courses. Beginning in the Fall 1999, students will be able to complete their first year of ELCA seminary studies through distance learning. On-line students will be able to choose from over 20 courses, of which at least ten will be core requirements for Master of Arts and Master of Divinity curriculums.

To register contact Fisher's Net at jratkovi@luthersem.edu. The fee is $10. For more information about Fisher's Net visit their web site at www.fishersnet.net; or contact Gloria Doherty at 425-673-6318 or gdoherty@wolfenet.com.

ESL Outreach Ministry Teacher Training Event

Currently, one third of all ELCA churches are in transitional neighborhoods. Our neighbors who are new immigrants often need help understanding the English language and the American culture. A church-based ESL program is an effective way to reach out, build relationships, and to create opportunities to share Jesus Christ.

The next one-day program to train church volunteers to teach English as a Second Language (ESL) will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on **Saturday, Aug. 28**, at St. James in Seattle.

Call Pastor Peter Lai or Melinda Jenkins at 206-624-0093 for more information. Cost is $25 per person and includes meals, materials and conference fees.

Education and Evangelism Conferences

At The Name of Jesus: Congregations for the 21st Century . From November 19 to 21 congregational lay and clergy leaders will gather together in Milwaukee, Wisc., from across the US for three days of inspirational training on Christian education and evangelism. This is the fifth domestic mission conference sponsored by the ELCA. *At the Name of Jesus* will be preceded by several network gatherings and followed by two additional training events: *Bridging the Gap* and *Planting the Seed of the Gospel.*

For more information and registration material, call 1-800-638-3522, ext. 2562.

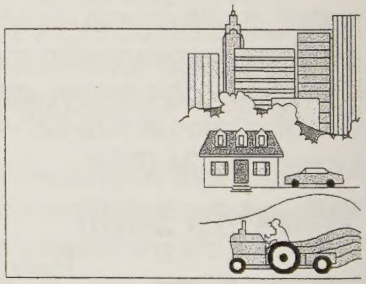
Lutheran Candlelighting For Mental Illness

Pick a Sunday in October. Any Sunday in October and observe Mental Illness Awareness Sunday. (The first Sunday in October is the official day.)

One family in four is affected by biological brain disorders. To bring attention to this problem, the Lutheran Network on Mental Illness/Brain Disorders is asking for all Lutheran congregations to light a candle and say a prayer for persons with mental illnesses and their families.

This Lutheran Network is a joint effort of the ELCA and LC-MS to assist Lutheran Churches toward more effective responses. For more information call 1-800-638–3522.

Neighborhood Connections



The Milwaukee Coalition of the Greater Milwaukee Synod offers itself as a laboratory for five days of intensive study and observation of urban ministry with reference to "In the City for Good." Participants in this "Urban Ministry and Strategy Conference" will discover vitality and passion, as well as practical tools, for ministry in the local neighborhood setting. Cost is $150 if registered before Aug 2 and $200 after Sept. 2. Contact the Greater Milwaukee Synod for more information: 1-414-671-1212

Aging Resources Available

Region 1 Resource Center recently has added two selections on the subject of aging to its collection. Contact Carolyn Strain, Region 1, at 1-800-755-5831 or 206-624-0093 for more information.

A Late Frost--Reflections on Aging takes the viewer on a poignant and inspiring exploration of some of the concerns and issues of aging through the writings of the late Gerhard Frost. Ten segments, approximately five minutes each, allow time for discussion after each reflection. The segments are: Change, Remembering, Forgetting, Seeing More Clearly, Living Until We Die, Worth, Going On, Dusk, and Dawn. This video has received acclaim from professionals in human services, chaplains, aging people, and caretakers.

What Shall We Do About Mom and Dad? is a video that presents two characteristic situations where an adult child struggles with the concerns and practicalities of caring for aging parents. Part One is called "Mom" and centers on a daughter trying to deal with her own sense of loss and obligation for a mother who has Alzheimer's disease and a father who increasingly is unable to care for her. Part two is called "Dad" and deals with a daughter who lives in one state and a 90-year-old father who lives in another 200 miles away. This video does not try to give answers for all the issues. Its purpose is to foster understanding and encourage discussion and communication.

To order from Augsburg call 1-800-328-4648 or visit www.augsburgfortress.org.

Raising Nonviolent Children

One of two new resources from Augsburg Publishing

Raising Nonviolent Children In a Violent World by Michael Obsatz, recently won a Minnesota Book award in the help and guidance category. This book offers practical advice to parents and teachers across the US wondering what they can do to reverse the trend of increasing violence among children in the wake of the shootings in Littleton, CO. Cost is $11.99, ISBN 0-8066-3700-5.

The Innovative Church, the latest book by religious researcher Merton Strommen, offers support to frustrated pastors and lay leaders whose attempts to implement changes in their congregations have been resisted or blocked by congregation members. Cost is $11.99, ISBN 0-8066-3573-8.

Augsburg Title Wins "Book of the Year" Award

K.C. Hanson and Douglas Oakman's *Palestine in the Time of Jesus* was named Book of the Year and two additional Fortress Press titles, *Religious Experience in Earliest Christianity* by Luke Timothy Johnson and *Jesus of Nazareth* by Dale Allison, were included on the list of Top Ten Books for Parish Ministry announced by the Academy of Parish Clergy in April.

Dates Set, Multicultural Mission Institute

The dates are set for the 1999 Multicultural Mission Institute. The Institute will be held from Friday, Nov. 5, to Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Fort Lauderdale Airport Hilton, Fort Lauderdale, FL. Registration deadline is Sept 27. For more information, contact Melinda Jenkins, Region 1, at 206-624-0093. The goals for this gathering are:

- Focus on, support, and encourage the unity we share as a multicultural community in Christ.
- Equip and inspire participants for this ministry in their settings.
- Build the multicultural community through dialogue.
- Strengthen and support African American, American Indian and Alaska Native, Arab and Middle Eastern, Black, Asian and Hispanic congregational ministries.
- Strengthen and support synod mulitcultural ministries.

Clergy-Penitent Statute

Upheld by the State Supreme Court

Attorney Steven O'Ban will discuss the recent unanimous decision in favor of his client, Pastor Rich Hamlin, in which the State Supreme Court ruled that the state clergy-penitent statute applied to the clergy and penitents of all faiths.

This workshop will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on November 6 at The Point Defiance Park Pagoda. This workshop is sponsored by Washington Pastoral Counselors Association. Call Jana at 253-7756-2132 for more information.

NEW 99
NATIONAL EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

"Cutting Edge Methods and Inspiration"

The 1999 National Evangelism Workshop will take place from October 6 to 8 at the Drawbridge Inn and Convention Center in Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati Area.

Major addresses feature Leonard Sweet, dean of Drew University Theological School, Madison, NJ; Jeremiah Wright Jr., pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago; John C. Ortberg, Jr., a teaching pastor at Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington, Il; and Claire S. Burkat who redevelops at-risk congregations, Southeastern Pennsylvannia Synod.

Workshops will be held throughout the event and include:

- "How to Develop Seeker-Style Worship: Reaching the Unchurched, Dechurched, and Generation X"
- "Small-Church Leadership: Discerning and Living God's Vision"

Registration is $99 per person. To obtain a registration form contact Pat Dixon, Event Registrar, at 1-806-762-8094, ext. 102; fax 1-806-762-8873; or write NEW99, 5001 Avenue "N", Lubbock, TX, 79412.

Preschool Director

Our Savior, Issaquah, is seeking a part-time Christian Preschool Director. The successful candidate will have a BA or BS in Early Childhood Education, Child Development, or related fields; and two years preschool classroom experience. Experience as a director or equivalent responsibility is desirable. Contact Director Patty Christopherson at 425-392-1201 or e-mail her at OSLC@brigadoon.com for more information.

Director of Development Position Open

Trinity Lutheran College (formerly Lutheran Bible Institute, Seattle) is seeking a full-time Director of Development. This person will work on individual donor contacts; solicitation of annual, planned, grants, and major gifts; fund-raising events; and capital campaigns. The successful candidate will have five years of development experience, BA degree or higher, and ability and willingness to talk with persons about stewardship and giving. Contact Barbara Burr, Human Resources Office, at 425-961-5506 for more information.

Attention!

If your congregation is interested in being trained to be a part of the ELCA Identity Project, please contact Margit Peiffle at 360-403-9870 or e-mail peifflepr@aol.com. The dates are set for October 15 at Salem in Mount Vernon and October 16 Bellevue (location to be announced).

Retired Pastor Needed

Faith in Yuma, AZ, is seeking a retired pastor to serve as Winter Associate Pastor. This is a part-time position, early November through Easter. Duties include hospital and home visitation, coordination of weekly potluck dinner program, and assistance with Sunday worship. Salary $6,000, including auto allowance. For more information contact: Personnel Committee, Faith, P.O. Box 4596, Yuma, AZ 85366.

Conference Planner

The Church Council of Greater Seattle is seeking a Conference Planner. This part-time position will work on a conference planned by the Commission on Children, Youth, and Families for October 16, 1999. For a job description call 1-206-525-1213.

Church Secretary

Edison, Bow, is in search of a church secretary. This is a part-time position, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information please contact Pastor Joe Kutzke at 360-766-6920.

Position Open at LSS

LSS has a 37.5 hours per week Community Outreach and Training Specialist position open. Successful candidate will identify potential foster families and supportive resources. BA Degree is preferred. Spanish speaking, familiarity with foster care system, and experience with churches is preferred. For more information contact R.Y Woodhouse, LSS, at 206-694-5700 for more information. Deadline is July 30.

Nursery Attendant

Kent, Kent, is currently in need of a nursery attendant/supervisor/coordinator. The hours are 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (subject to change) each Sunday, four hours total per Sunday. This position would pay approximately $7.30 per hour, or $30 per Sunday, and be paid once a month. Current First Aid and CPR Training a must. For more information, please contact Kent at 253-852-2057 or e-mail at KentLutheran@worldnet.att.net.

Choir/Liturgical Worship Director

Sammamish Hills, Redmond, is seeking an Adult Choir/Liturgical Worship Director. This is a part-time position. Salary is $4,000 to $5,000 per year, DOE. To receive a copy of the job description or more information, please call Pastor Steve Olson at 425-392-7799 or write to Pastor Olson at Sammamish Hills, 22818 SE Eighth Street, Redmond, WA 98053.

Youth Leader Needed

Looking for a mature person with strong communication skills to coordinate, promote, and support an established Youth Group made up of five Northwest Seattle Lutheran Churches. This is a part-time position. For more information call 206-789-2035.

Director of Youth and Family

Ebenezer, Lake Stevens, is seeking a full-time Director of Youth and Family Ministry. This full-time position will develop and manage youth group programs through youth summer camps and retreats, servant projects, fund-raising activities and much more. The Director will encourage active youth participation in church services, lead a youth Sunday School class, and nurture and support youth and family relationships. Please send cover letter and current resume attention Youth and Family Search Committee, Ebenezer Lutheran Church, PO Box 97, Lake Stevens, WA 98258-0097.

Director of Youth and Children's Ministry

Advent, Mill Creek, is seeking a full-time Director of Youth and Children's Ministry. The successful candidate will organize and oversee Sunday School activities, participate in the Confirmation Program, and create and implement a youth ministry with special focus on Jr. High and Sr. High youth. Salary $20,000 to $25,000 plus other benefits. Send resume and cover letter to Pastor Kevin Bates, Advent, 13311 21st Ave SE, Mill Creek, WA 98012. Application deadline is July 30.

Education Director Needed

St. Luke, Bellevue, seeks part-time Education Director. Primary emphasis is Sunday School teacher training and organization of curriculum. To apply please contact the church office at 3030 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA 98004 or call 425-822-7907.

Within Our Family

Prayers for strength and healing for...

† **Pastor Herb Ringo** who had surgery for a malignant tumor on his colon in June.

† To the family of **Pastor Olin Dasher, whose daughter Mary died in May after a life long battle with mental illness.** A memorial service was held at St. Peter by the Sea, Edmonds.

† To the family of **Pastor Gerald Bongard** whose father, Les, died in April and whose mother suffered a heart attack on Mother's Day.

· To the family of **Mary Jones** whose father, Henry Levingood, died in June.

· To the family of **Pastor Gary Grafwallner** whose father recently passed away.

To Keep in Our Prayers...

· **Rev. Edgar Kaiser** who is now at home. Cards and notes can be directed to 13201 Linden Ave. N., #304A, Seattle, WA 98133.

A Helping Hand

Lutheran Brotherhood's Seattle North Fraternal Branch #8025 is joining forces with Luther Memorial to help Pastor Ed Kaiser and his family in their time of need. Every dollar contributed to the Ed Kaiser fund is being matched on a 2 for 1 basis. That means for every $5 donated, $15 will be given. Up to $2470 can be matched to generate $7400.

Anyone wishing to contribute may send the money to Luther Memorial (1304 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133). Checks need to made payable to "Luther Memorial Church" and on the memo line designate "Kaiser Fund."

News and Notes

† Congratulations to **Pastor John Darrah,** Gethsemane, Seattle, who is the recipient of the Columbia Lutheran Ministry's Meritorious Service Award. This award was presented at the 78th Annual Meeting in April. Pastor's faithful service dates back to 1954 when he served as Columbia Lutheran Home President.

† Congratulations to **Penelope Ann Guntermann** who was named Pastoral Counselor of the Year by the Northwest Region of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. Penelope serves as a pastoral counselor through Lutheran Counseling Network.

† **The Rev. James F. Mauney**, 46, was elected bishop of the Virginia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) on June 6.

† The Synod-wide offering to support **Mission 2000** has been set for Reformation Sunday, October 31. More details to come in future *Soundings* and mailings.

† **Sue Logghe,** Synod Council member, participated in the Whatcom County Relay For Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society. The Relay lasted 20 hours. Sue participated in this event for **Norm Folkers**. At the same time, two counties to the south, **June Hanson**, a member of Trinity in Everett, participated in the Relay For Life in Snohomish county.

† **Pam and Sharron Hallanger**, Ebenezer, Lake Stevens, left in early July for the missionary compound in Ewarton, Jamaica. They will teach daily Vacation Bible School with a group of 18.

Rev. Chester Blake

Rev. Chester C. Blake, 87, of Barron, Wisconsin, died on May 14. He was born on March 26, 1912, at Milroy, Minn., attended high school in Tioga, ND, and attended Augsburg College and Seminary in Minneapolis, Minn.

Blake married Nellie Thorud in 1938 and accepted his first call to Clayton, Wis. In their following fifty years of ministry they served congregations in Alameda, Calif; Bloomington, Minn; Prairie Farm, Wis; and Rice Lake, Wisc. He also served congregations in Washington State as Chaplain in Alameda, Bremerton, from 1944 to 1947; First Lutheran, Richmond Beach, from 1947 to 1951; Trinity, Kirkland, from 1958 to 1964; and Bethany, Spokane, from 1964 to 1967. He retired from the ministry in 1977.

He is survived by his wife, four children, and six grandchildren.

Rev. Morris Sorenson

The Rev. Morris A. "Bo" Sorenson died on May 24. Rev. Sorenson served as executive assistant to the bishop from the beginning of the ELCA until 1991. In the former American Lutheran Church, he was the executive assistant in the Office of the General President from 1981 to 1987 and the executive director of the Division for World Mission from 1970 to 1981.

Please remember Dorothy Sorenson in your prayers. Mrs. Sorenson's address is 5546 Fenway Court, White Bear Lake, MN 55110. Those wishing to make a memorial gift may do so to Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, or to the Global Mission Institute at Luther Seminary.

1999 Newsletter Deadlines

The Synod office staff coordinates three publications to help to communicate news and information about our congregations: *Soundings, The Spirit,* and the supplement to *The Lutheran.* Deadlines for upcoming *Soundings* and *The Spirit* are as follows:

September--Monday, Aug. 2
October--Monday, Sept. 7
November--Monday, Oct. 4
December--Monday, Nov. 1

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